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## Brush Fires Plague Firefighters

While a rash of brush and woods fires have kept firefighters of the Agawam Fire Department busier than usual lately, Deputy Fire Chief Russell Jenks said today that residents can help combat these fires by being more cautious when burning outdoors.

### More Serious Blazes

Fires that completely gutted the Crowley Barn on Shoemaker Lane and the Moccio Barn behind the Walnut Street Extension Shopping Plaza recently were two of the more serious blazes of late.

Jenks said the dry conditions of early spring combined with high winds has further befriended the fires and hindered the ability of firefighters to quickly quell the uprising of brush fires.

He said, "It's just that time of year. Between people burning and kids playing with matches and the lack of rain, it's been a very busy season for us."

"Until the green comes to replace all this dry ground we can expect more of the same. Hopefully, some wet weather will help us out," he added.

Two weekends ago, for instance, firefighters fought 30 separate brush fires, some of which were caused by people being careless with burning in their own backyards.

Jenks said before anyone can burn brush, they must first come to the Fire Department to be issued a permit.

### People Must Be Considerate

"Normally, we don't have much of a problem with people burning. They are considerate of their neighbors and keep a close eye on what they are doing. But in some cases, people are not considerate and that's when a problem arises."

Jenks said residents must only burn brush and garden trimming. No leave burning, he added, is permitted.

He said, "Residents should burn in an open area and it should be well-attended. The department does not issue permits on a windy day so people who are burning at that time are doing so illegally."

### Local Farmers

Jenks noted that the department will issue permits until May 1 to allow for local farmers to clear their land for planting.

According to Jenks, as long as the dry spell continues "all elements will be in the favor of a fire spreading."

"We just want people to be considerate and proceed with caution. If that's done, it will cut down the number of fires in the community during this time of year."

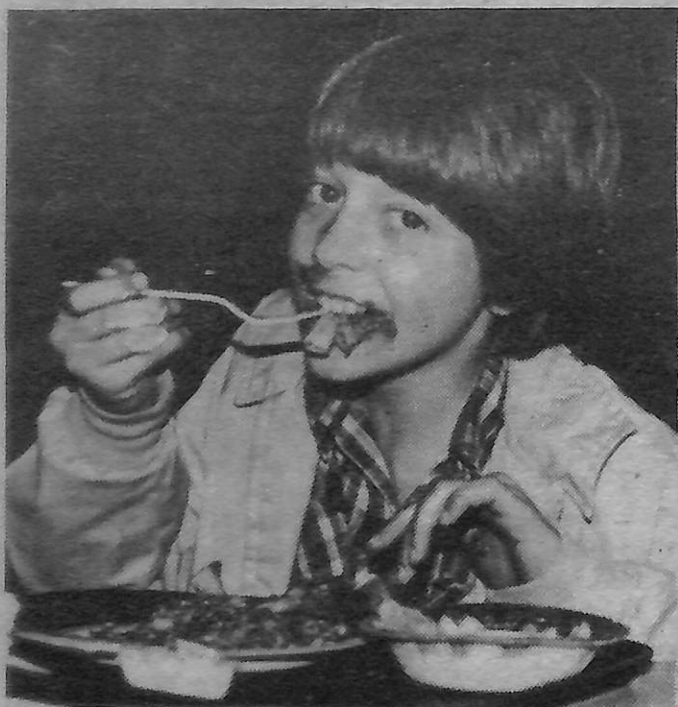
Jenks said statistics over the past several years point to an increase in brush fires.



Fire Chief Harry Schneider looks over brush fire near Moccio's Barn which also was gutted by the same afternoon blaze recently. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Our Annual Town Report Edition Coming April 23rd

### Hmmm...Macaroni!



Matthew Rinaldi is obviously pleased with himself at the UNICO's annual Macaroni and Meatball dinner held last Sunday at the High School. Matthew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rinaldi of Pineview Circle, Agawam. Photo by Jack Devine.

## "Or Credibility Zero"

## Bonavita Must Produce Evidence...

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Councilor Donald Rheault said today that fellow councilor Elena Bonavita's credibility would be "zero" if she fails to substantiate her charges that the town's bidding procedures are corrupt.

Ms. Bonavita has been given two weeks by other members of the council via a formal vote to support her claim that certain firms are favored in bidding procedures and that councilors should pursue an investigation of the matter.

Ms. Bonavita refused to comment on the matter.

### Injurious To Town

Councilor Andrew C. Gallano, who brought the issue of Ms. Bonavita's allegations onto the agenda of Monday's regular council meeting, stated that Ms. Bonavita's comments have been injurious to the town.

He said, "it is time for her (Ms. Bonavita) to now support what she is saying or 'put a stop to it'."

Ms. Bonavita first brought the issue of bidding procedures up at the March 16 council meeting. The item was dropped when she failed to make a specific motion during the meeting.

In a subsequent article published on March 17, Ms. Bonavita is quoted as saying that the town's bidding procedure is "unfair."

"This is corruption. It has to be discussed," she is quoted as saying.

Gallano added of Ms. Bonavita's statement, "I am sick and tired of people going outside the town and saying what is wrong with Agawam. She has made an outright charge of corruption and I would hope that if she doesn't substantiate her charges she will put a stop to it."

A motion by councilor Richard Theroux was passed by the council giving Ms. Bonavita until the next meeting to come up with specifics in order for the council to determine whether an investigation is necessary.

### See Some Specifics

"I wish to see some specifics and not just hot air," Theroux said.

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## Hope For No More Cuts School Hearing On Budget Draws 200 Residents

By Joanne Brown

Approximately 200 individuals attended the public hearing on the School Department's budget held last Tuesday at the Junior High. Teachers, parents and special interest groups were represented.

Both School Committee Chairman Walter Balboni and Supt. of Schools Louis Hebert commented on the record turnout for a hearing which has drawn only a handful in previous years.

Balboni opened the proceedings by declaring the presentation would focus on the budget as presented to the Town Council. No speculation was to be allowed.

Hebert emphasized throughout the presentation that cuts had been made across the board, that the School Committee had tried to keep existing programs going, even though reduced, rather than eliminate anything completely.

Agawam Education Association President Peter Lowrey served as spokesman for the teachers and praised the School Committee for not just making cuts in any one area.

"We're not happy with the need for any cuts," Lowrey said, "but we are thankful that those that were made were spread to all areas and that no one area was hurt badly."

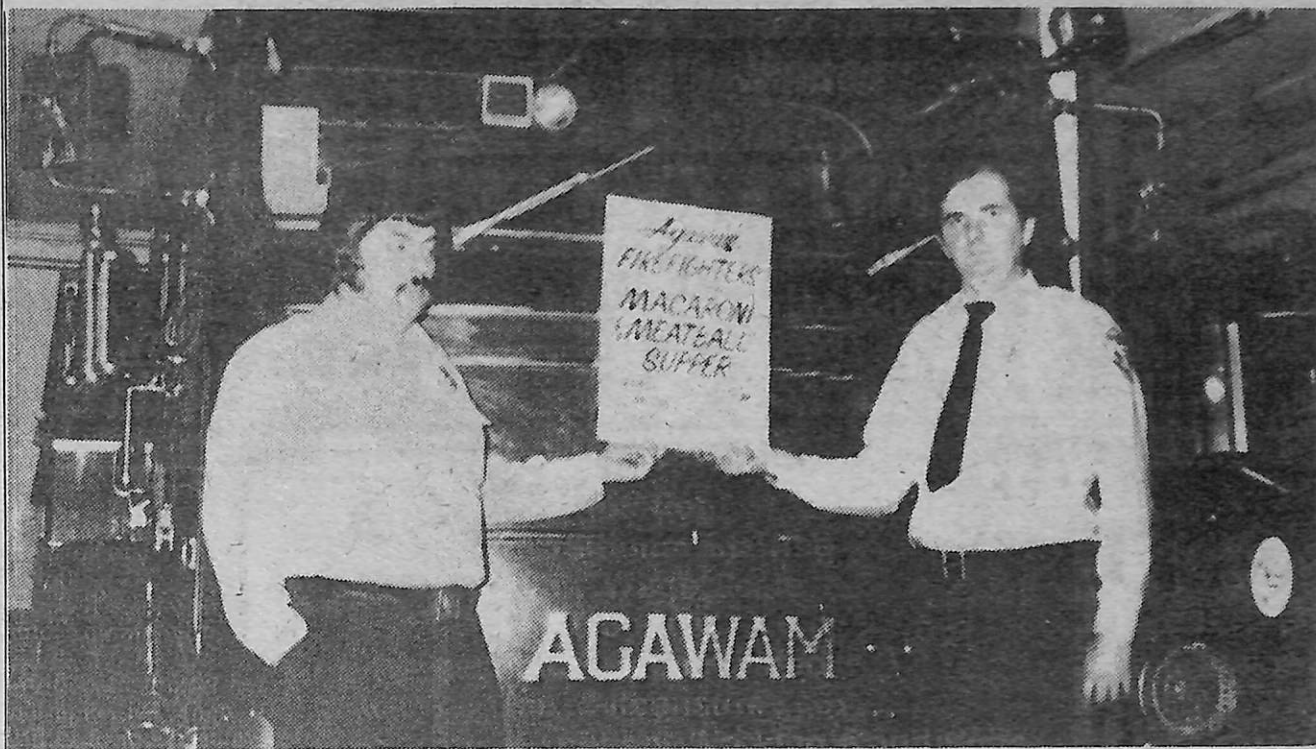
Lowrey went on to stress that his organization intends to oppose strongly any further cuts that may be requested by the Town Council in this first year in which the School Committee has lost fiscal autonomy.

During questioning of budget items, a minor conflict of interest arose when Mrs. Jacqueline Pressey asked for justification of the athletics program being retained while the position of her husband (Roland, Director of Audio-Visual) and others had been eliminated.

This question drew criticism from Joseph Pisano, spokesman for the Football Boosters Club, who termed Mrs. Pressey "selfish" to want to "throw out sports" to save her husband's job. He went on to stress his belief that sports are an integral part of children's overall education.

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## Firefighters To Hold Supper

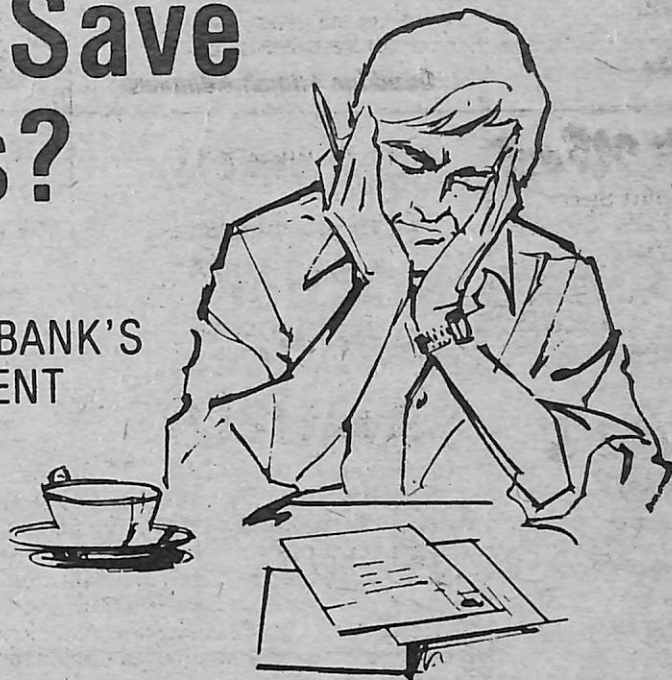


Agawam firefighters Don Savaria (right) and Ken Avondo are shown promoting the Firefighter's Association's Macaroni and Meatball Supper to be held April 26 at the Agawam Middle School from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are available at either fire station and from any firefighter. Proceeds are to be used for scholarships and sports activities in Agawam.

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### School - From P. 1

Hebert commented that if the budget is accepted as presented to the Town Council, they will be able to keep both sports and most teaching jobs. The budget as presented eliminates 17 positions from the School Department, 7½ of which are from professional staff.

Valentine Moreno indicated his belief that the \$450 million total evaluation figure being used by both Town Manager Richard Bowen and the School Committee is highly overestimated. He urged the School Committee to determine the correct figure - one which he has reckoned to be closer to \$203 million.

Among Hebert's final remarks was one which pointed out that their budget is educationally defensible, though it reflects more cuts than he would prefer. He expressed his hope that no further cuts would be requested.

"No one has indicated to me that he wants to cripple the School Department," Hebert noted as he concluded with the notion that all should be as reasonable as possible in this trying fiscal year.

### Bonavita - From P. 1

Ms. Bonavita attempted unsuccessfully to amend Theroux's motion to read that a hearing on corruption on bidding procedures be conducted.

Rheault immediately responded, "It's time to put an end to his sensationalism and get on with the business of the town."

Rheault stated that if Ms. Bonavita can support her charges and elaborate on some specifics, then it would be the council's responsibility to investigate.

Rheault pointed out that he didn't expect her to "name names" in her charges, but would at least document some hard specifics.

"I have no idea if what she is suggesting is true or not," Rheault commented. He again said that if Ms. Bonavita cannot substantiate her claims, she as an elected official would "lose all credibility."

Theroux said during the meeting that he believed there is no corruption in the bidding procedures.

### Takes Offense

Said he, "I take offense to those charges. I believe we have an honest administration and government and that the people working for the community are honest and hard working people."

"This administration is impeccable with respect of honesty," he added, referring to the office of Town Manager Richard Bowen.

Gallano said that if Ms. Bonavita fails to support her charges, he would not rule out initiating a "censure" procedure of her, an action that was previously taken on former councilor Valentine R. Moreno.

"That's a long way off, but it's a possibility," Gallano added.

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## Volunteer Firemen Get Training



Members of Agawam's Volunteer Firefighters recently received their monthly training at the Feeding Hills Fire Station Number Two. The volunteer group, which assists the regulars whenever there is a need, has a training session each month to update the volunteers on proper techniques of firefighting. The volunteer force, known as call men, number approximately 13 at this time and are always looking for more men to join. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Chamber Offers 2 1/2 Aid

The recently formed Agawam Chamber of Commerce has offered assistance to the town in dealing with the impending budget restrictions of Proposition 2 1/2 and has begun a series of meeting with elected and appointed officials to determine how its members might be helpful.

### Primary Objective

Chamber President William A. Franks, Jr. said that the Chamber had as its primary objective "the forging of a public-private partnership that will bring a new era of prosperity to Agawam."

"There is no better time to begin this partnership than right now when the town needs the input of its citizens to cope with these harsh new spending restrictions," he said.

Franks said that specific areas in which his members could immediately assist are in budget analysis, vehicle maintenance and computer hardware.

"Once we have explored all areas of concern with the town manager and council, we hope to identify other specific ways in which we can assist the town of Agawam," he said.

Franks noted that the industrial and commercial development of the town is dependent upon team work.

### Establishing Link

"We look forward to establishing the kind of public-private partnership that exists in every city and town that is successful in attracting new jobs and providing a good living environment for its citizens," the Chamber President noted.

In addition to individual meetings with town officials, the Chamber will meet with them as a group at an informal reception on April 15 at the Oak Ridge Country Club.

According to Franks, the Chamber has already made progress in carrying out its Program of Work.

"It is a balanced program which allows every business person in Agawam the opportunity to participate in the development of the town."

## SPAN Merges With Youth Center

The SPAN Counseling Center and the Agawam Youth Center have announced that their programs will merge on July 1, 1981. The merger has been undertaken in an effort to reduce the costs of the two programs and to help guarantee their continuing operation.

"In these times of fiscal constraints, we felt a merger would benefit both programs and, at the same time, reduce the overall cost to the town," said Tim Diehl, director of the Youth Center.

The first step toward the final merger was taken on March 30th when the Youth Center staff moved to the SPAN building at 770 Springfield Street.

"We are very happy to have the Youth Center staff join us," said Dr. Sam Femiano, director of SPAN. "Our programs work cooperatively and being in the same building will increase our effectiveness."

The centers are looking forward to being of continued service and receiving the community support they have always had.

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## Welcome To Christos



Christos Restaurant of Suffield Street recently opened its doors and specializes in a wide variety of fine foods. Pictured are, from back, Abraham Kalaitzidis, Kathy Hamilton, Christos Kalaitzidis, Sofia Kalaitzidis, George Kalaitzidis, Mary Hamilton and Helen Kalaitzidis.

## Connelly Endorses Better Budget

In testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee Friday, April 3, Representative Edward W. Connelly (R-Agawam) indicated that the Governor's budget recommendations for fiscal 1982 inadequately respond to current demands and issues. Moreover, Local Aid Funding is insufficient.

Connelly made reference to the "Better Budget" which was unveiled on Thursday, the product of a coalition of Democrats and Republicans. In that document, the failings of the Governor's message are addressed with recommended slashes of 15% in administrative expenses.

Connelly noted, "The 15% reduction corresponds to the demands of Proposition 2½ on the cities and towns, but does not affect actual services for the people."

The Better Budget provides total reductions and state assumptions totaling \$366.2 millions thereby enabling the Commonwealth to increase Local Aid Funding by more than \$300 millions additional.

"We are saying that the message of Proposition 2½ which sorely affects the cities and towns was intended also to affect the unbridled spending on the part of the Commonwealth," Connelly said.

## Business Fund For Arts Elects Directors

Robert J. Gaudrault, chairman of the board of the Friendly Ice Cream Corporation, announced that the Business Fund for the Arts has elected a new Board of Directors. David Starr, publisher of Springfield Newspapers, will serve as chairman of the organization's 1981/82 campaign.

Other new officers and directors are Gordon Oakes Jr. of BayBank Valley, vice-chairman; John Collins of SIS, treasurer; and George Hano of Hano Business Forms, secretary.

Board members are Wilson Brunel, William Cass, James Shriver, James Shea Jr., James Martin, Maurice Katz, Benjamin Jones, and Robert Gaudrault.

This past year under the direction of Robert Gaudrault, the Business Fund for the Arts raised nearly \$330,000 to benefit Springfield's four major cultural institutions.

Benefitting from the funds were StageWest, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Association, public television WGBY, and the Springfield Library-Museums Association.

## Save Time & Money

**SHAPE UP** — Exercise equipment is costly, so save as you shape up by making your own at home. Buy heavily braided line at a hardware store (about 10 cents a foot) to make your own jump rope. Knot ends, then circle them about four

inches up from the knot with heavy electrical tape, and you're ready to skip rope. Want barbells? Fill two half-gallon plastic jugs with sand, pebbles or just plain water and cap. Make them equal in weight. Now they're ready for muscle building.

**WOMEN USA** — Information on subjects of national interest to women — legislative matters, major campaigns of organizations, etc. — can be obtained on a new hotline established by Women USA, a Washington-based organization for women's rights. Information is

recorded weekly and can be received by calling their toll free number: 800-221-4945.

**TAP TALK** — Ordinary household tap water can be a safety hazard if you have elderly persons and/or children in your home. Experts recommend the thermostat on the hot water tank be set no higher than 130 degrees Fahrenheit, which is low enough for safety but high enough for major home usage. Thousands will be burned and injured this year because this advice is not heeded.

**TAPE TALK** — Nothing more annoying than to call a repairman to fix an appliance or car that's making "funny noises," only to have the recalcitrant offender refuse to make a sound. Next time this happens, run for the tape recorder and get the sound on tape. It will give the repairman a starting place (or starting listen).

## Tax Topics

By Abbett Tax Service

The term "estate planning" has been used by various businesses and professional disciplines to mean any number of things. Why do we use such a fancy label? Estate planning could more simply be called "Carrying out your wishes."

The nature and amount of property you own, the number of family members, and, most importantly, your personal wishes all enter into the planning process.

The primary consideration in all plans should be the enjoyment of these assets by the husband and wife. If your estate is large, you may want to engage in lifetime gifting. If your estate is modest, you may want to keep it intact, but plan for the most beneficial transfer of the unused assets upon your death.

The extremes in the planning process are A) Do nothing and let the chips fall where they may; B) Plan strictly for an ultimate savings in the income and inheritance taxes without regard to personal concerns; C) Somewhere between the extremes of A and B is a happy medium of conserving the estate, minimizing taxes and planning for your own personal comfort.

Many people profess to be "estate planner," but by far the best planner is yourself. With the assistance of trained professionals, you can become acquainted with the planning procedures and the results.

There are several good, easy-to-read sources of information on financial planning. If you have assets worth \$200,000, if either you or your spouse is seriously ill, or if you are in your retirement years, start the planning process with some introductory reading.

The average person spends forty years working and accumulating assets. A great many of us spend less than a couple of days giving any serious consideration to the transfer of these assets on our death.

## Library Offers Family Film

On Friday evening, April 24th, at 7 p.m., the Agawam Public Library will present a Family Film Show in the Community Room. The film *The Point* will be shown free of charge and tickets may be obtained by calling the library at 789-1550 or by stopping in and asking for them at the desk.

*The Point* is a 1971 animated production featuring Dustin Hoffman as narrator and music by Harry Nilsson. The story concerns an unusual kingdom in which everyone and everything is pointed, except for a young boy named Oblio. Despite his round head, Oblio has many friends. This causes a great deal of jealousy on the part of the evil Count who banishes the boy and his dog to a life of exile in the Pointless Forest. Many adventures follow and Oblio learns about himself and life from his experiences.

The program is free and open to the public. Please reserve your tickets early as there are a limited number available. Patrons may call the library at 789-1550 or pick them up at the desk.

## Gaudrault Urges Peers To Become Issue-Oriented

"It makes good business sense to support community service organizations," says Robert J. Gaudrault, chairman of the board of Friendly Ice Cream Corporation and director of Hershey Foods Corporation. He is urging his peers in various corporate board rooms to get involved in social issues and problems.

"The living environment our employees experience certainly impacts their abilities to be productive; therefore, in our renewed interest in productivity, let us not overlook this factor," Gaudrault continued.

Gaudrault is available to discuss this growing issue from the business community's point of view. To arrange an interview, contact the Friendly Ice Cream Public Relations Department at 543-2400.

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## Rollaway Helps Fight Cancer!!



Special Events Chairman, Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, received a check \$513.15 raised by Susan and David Maiolo at the Agawam Rollaway Inc. on Sunday, March 15. The entire proceeds of this evening will go to "Cancer Research." The Maiolo's recently received the 1980 award for their services to the "Cure for Cancer."

## PTO's Join Forces; Will Hear Bowen

By Joanne Brown

In an attempt to stay abreast of developments in town on cutbacks due to Proposition 2½, leaders of the town's Parent-Teacher Organizations along with representatives of schools which do not have functioning PTO's have joined forces. The goals set by this combined group focus on becoming aware of the budget situation and then informing other parents of the latest developments.

Uniform notices will be sent home townwide indicating developments as the Town Council reviews the budget, particularly with reference to any further cuts that may be requested from the School Department's share. The group also plans to encourage all parents of children in town schools to become involv-

ed actively in dealing with the crisis facing both the schools and the town in general with all of the proposed cutbacks.

A joint meeting of all parent groups will be sponsored at the Phelps School on Wednesday, April 15th. Town Manager Richard Bowen is slated to speak beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Bowen will discuss the effects of Proposition 2½ on the town and school system. He will also indicate how 2½ relates to the operating budget and to the budget proposed to take effect on July 1st.

This meeting is open to the entire town and will be held in the Phelps School cafeteria. PTO leaders urge parents to make a special effort to attend.

## Short Takes

I have exquisite sensibilities — you're just plain touchy.

Add to your collective nouns: A hauteur of head waiters.

If the special's a bargain, what in the word are the prices going to be on the regular menu?

They call 'em "networks," because most of the programmers need to be captured, says a frustrated TV dialer we know.

Standing ovations during operas honor performances — they are also a mass undertaking to insure against leg cramps from prolonged sitting.

Nostalgia is recalling the great pies grandma made, when actually, it was great-grandma. Grandma, in her day, was already into the frozen pie thing.



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## Samantha READS YOUR STARS

**If you were born this week:** You are an extremely sociable person. Whether at parties, meetings, or work, you shine. And, let's admit it, you also like an audience — you don't mind being noticed at all. You are optimistic, impetuous, creative and a leader. You usually enjoy challenges.

**ARIES (3-21/4-19):** You're in your favorite spot, Aries — the driver's seat. However, you're likely to have a very cautious and vocal backseat driver to satisfy. Listen to him, babe, for he has some good pointers. Then, wheel and deal!

**TAURUS (4-20/5-20):** You have certain duties to fulfill this week, Taurus. I wish I could tell you to ignore 'em, but I can't. By the way, don't try to put a price tag on a service; it's important to give freely. Light should dawn by last day.

**GEMINI (5-21/6-20):** Decide your priority goals and work toward them. If you know where you're going, Gem, nothing can stop you this week. Do be realistic both about your time and about your money. Days close with a cozy chat and news.

**MOONCHILD (6-21/7-22):** You'll find the help you need for a particular tricky situation right close to home. Just look for it, Moonbeam. Comrades, confidence and coins are all highlighted. Watch for an important call before week is out.

**LEO (7-23/8-22):** You have a quick mind and a nimble wit anyway, Leo, but this week they're really steaming ahead. Pick your new field and go conquer it. A little trip might be in store soon; keep your toothbrush packed and ready, angel.

**VIRGO (8-23/9-22):** Tie up loose ends and pin down possibilities this week, Virgo. Don your pith helmet and explore. Try to discover whether there is any substance behind all that great talk. It may be a score, but it could be a scam.

**LIBRA (9-23/10-23):** Like Virgo, you, too, may be looking for straight answers this week. There's no deceit involved, Libby; it's just that you're dealing with those whose minds are like the spring breezes — always changing direction.

**SCORPIO (10-24/11-22):** Current area of endeavor moves into the fast lane this week, Scorp, and you're pressed to keep abreast on all fronts. Quiet time for personal renewal is always vital to you; make sure you build it into your schedule.

**SAGITTARIUS (11-23/12-21):** You're an eternal optimist, Sag. Like the miners of old, you'll shift through a ton of sand if you think there's a chance that it may yield some gold. You won't need to sift too long this week before you hit bonanza!

**CAPRICORN (12-22/1-19):** Clear out some of the clutter you've accumulated. Then, clever Cappy, you can throw a yard sale to convert that clutter to cash. (That should appeal to your thrifty nature!) Days bring romance and a meeting or two.

**AQUARIUS (1-20/2-19):** Good communications are essential to the success of every aspect of your week ahead. Think before you speak, Aquari; don't just blurt out the first thing that comes into your punkin' head. Do act decisively and fairly.

**PISCES (2-20/3-20):** News from a distance could prove quite a surprise, Pisces. Then, that silver lining could be right in your own pockets if you're both lucky and astute. Later, tune up for romance; the harmony is purely lovin'!

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## Mrs. Deborah Neilson Provost-Neilson Nuptials

The wedding of Debbie Provost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand R. Provost of Agawam, to Ted Neilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neilson of Suffield, Connecticut, took place on Saturday, April 4th, in First Church of Christ Congregational, Suffield. Rev. G. Smith performed the ceremony.

Nancy LaMonica acted as matron of honor, and Nick Chmiel served as best man.

A reception at Chez Josef, Agawam, followed the ceremony.

The bride is a key data operator at A.B. Dick Company, Suffield. Her husband is an aircraft technician worker at Hamilton Standard, Windsor Locks.

The couple will reside in Suffield.

## Miss Borgatti Weds Gregory Forsman

Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, was the setting Friday evening, April 3rd, for the marriage of Cindi Lee Borgatti and Gregory Raymond Forsman. The nuptial mass was performed by Fr. Charles Gonet, formerly of Feeding Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Borgatti of Franklin Street, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Forsman of North West Street.

Mrs. Paul Meunier attended her sister as matron of honor, and Gary Kerr assumed duties of best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High school and received a degree in Arts from Green Mountain College. She is employed by Professional and Business Exchange of Springfield.

Her husband is also a graduate of Agawam High School and attended Holyoke Community College where he majored in Business Administration.

On their return from a honeymoon trip to Paradise Island, the couple will reside in Agawam.



## Mrs. Cindi Forsman AAH To Sponsor Arts & Crafts Show

The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council will sponsor an Arts and Crafts Show at the Agawam Public Library from Sunday, May 3, to Saturday, May 9th.

Chairman Niobe O'Connor has announced that entry forms may be obtained from her by writing P.O. Box 421, Agawam, 01001.

Each exhibitor will be allowed two paintings, any medium, and up to three craft or sculpture pieces. All art works must be framed and ready for hanging, and crafts and sculpture should be ready for display. Entries will be received on May 1st and 2nd.

All area artists are encouraged to participate in this first Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by the AAH Council. Entry forms must be returned by April 25th.

## Johnson-Geiger Wedding Occurs

The wedding of Pamela Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verlyn Johnson of Grantsburg, Wisconsin, to Sgt. Steven Geiger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geiger of 32 Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills, took place on March 6, 1981, in Reno, Nevada.

A reception honoring the newlyweds was held in Wisconsin, and the Geiger family travelled there to be in attendance.

The bride is presently stationed at Mather Air Force Base, Sacramento, California, working in the medical field. She plans to join her husband shortly at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he is stationed with the Marine Corps working in the Surveying and Engineering field.

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**Tuesday, April 14**  
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Junior High School  
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**Tuesday, April 14**  
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Public Library  
7 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 15**  
Town Council Budget Workshop (tentative)  
Public Library  
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## Vacation Films

The Agawam Public Library will offer two afternoon film programs during school vacation.

Tuesday, April 21, at 1:30 will feature "From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler," based on the Newberry Award winning novel by E. L. Konigsburg. Humor, suspense and intrigue are combined in this adventure of a girl who runs away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

On Thursday, April 23, at 1:30 the film "Dear Lovey Hart, I Am Desperate" will be shown. Children and younger teens will enjoy this witty story of a high school sophomore whose "Dear Abby" type column in the school newspaper gets her into trouble when her advice backfires.

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## "On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

The PAT & ROGER OLEWINSKI family of 206 Colmore Street, Feeding Hills, is moving back to Roger's birthplace after residing in Agawam for 20 years, and they would like to keep in touch. Their new address will be Route 3, Sandy Bay Road, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241.

Roger, a printer by trade, hopes to open his own business some time in the near future and is anxious "to go back home" where his roots are. Aside from 18-year-old GREG, who will be staying in Agawam, their other three children, ROGER, ROBBIE, & LISA, will be going with them. May your future be prosperous and happy!

Not quite the kind of vacation you would choose, but Miss VERA SMITH is now home recuperating after a three-week stay in Springfield Hospital. Happy recovery, Vera.

DICK & JULIE DUBUQUE of 105 Channell Drive, Agawam, have just returned from a 13-day vacation to Miami Beach, Florida, where they visited with their daughter LAURIE DEMUSIS. According to Julie, "Disneyland is not for children; it's an adult playground." They loved it there and were lucky to have temperatures in the high 70's every day and rain only one night.

They had such a good time they hated to come home and are now somewhat impatient with our slowly blossoming foliage in Massachusetts. Though their son MICHAEL had given them this trip as an anniversary gift, he was glad to have them back again and so are we. Welcome home, folks.

Also back for a recent vacation in Florida is Mrs. GERRY BALBONI of Pheasant Hill Drive. Gerry spent three glorious weeks in the land of sunshine and all her friends are glad to have her back.

On March 24th, young JEFFREY RYAN BEAUDETTE arrived right on time, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. His happy parents are PATTY & DAN BEAUDETTE of 17 Ruth Avenue, Agawam.

Grandparents are KAY & JOSEPH DECOSMO also of Ruth Avenue and JEANINE & LEO BEAUDETTE of 125 Brien Street, Agawam. BERNADETTE SMITH of 19 Saab Court in Springfield is the proud great-grandmother.

Jeffrey's 1½ year old brother DANNY is "amazed" at the newest addition to the family and proudly shows him off to everyone. Welcome, Jeff!

The very next day on March 25th, DON & PHYLLIS HOUT of 80 Robin Ridge Drive became grandparents for the first time. Their daughter JOANN and her husband FRANCIS WAYTE welcomed their first child CHRISTOPHER FRANCES into their expanding family. Weighing 7 pounds, ½ ounce and measuring 20 inches long, Christopher is an "adorable baby" says Grandma Phyllis with pride.

Paternal grandmother MARY WAYTE of Watertown, New York, shares in the family pride as do the two sets of great-grandparents: MR. & MRS. HARRY HOUT of 54 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, and MR. & MRS. STANLEY MURACH of 260 Cuff Avenue.

Named after his 19-year-old uncle and his dad, Christopher wasted no time earning top billing on a marquis. Grandpa Don quickly changed the lettering on the advertising sign in front of his Feeding Hills Florist shop to announce Chris's vital statistics to the world. Nothing is too good for little Chris. No doubt Aunt TRACY, a second-grade student at Danahy School, feels that way too.

Recently, a group of residents from Pheasant Hill spent a weekend in Montreal, Canada. They visited many of the beautiful churches and cathedrals and spent an evening at the Old Munich Hall where they had dinner and danced. They also had lunch and a buffet at the Hotel Champlain and luncheon at the Brown's Sugar House.

They toured the beautiful city of Montreal for 2½ hours and had a marvelous time. Among those present were MR. & MRS. RAYMOND GOSSELIN, MR. & MRS. FRANK PARADISO, and MR. AND MRS. MERRILL BIGELOW.

Call Penny at home (786-9144) or drop her a note at 72 Federal Street with any interesting events happening in your life.



Roger and Pat Olewinski are moving to Wisconsin and were recently honored at a "going away" at the Polish American Club. Photo by Devine.

## Polish Club Marks 25th Anniversary

The Polish American Club of Agawam, founded in 1956, will celebrate its silver anniversary marking twenty-five years of progress and harmony. The history of the club has been recorded and printed in a brochure edited and researched by Daniel Lacienski for the members to cherish in future years.

Recorded excerpts from past minutes, photographs pertaining to the history, plus accolades received from state and charitable associations for past deeds have proven that interest has kept pace with the progress of the club.

At the ceremony to mark the anniversary, the club's newly-elected officers for 1981 will preside. They are Edward Stepanik, president; Edward Smith, vice-president; Kenneth Kubik, secretary; and Jack Liptak, treasurer.

Attorney John Teahan will serve as master of ceremonies and will address the assembly of invited charter members, past and present officers of both the men's organization and the women's auxiliary, and members and guests.

Dan Lacienski will briefly outline some interesting historical items he found in researching the commemorative book, and President Edward Stepanik will award longevity pins to twenty-year members.

The dinner-dance will be held on April 25th, according to Chairman Walter Monkiewicz. The doors of the pavillion will open at 6 p.m., and tickets will cost \$10 each with a deadline date of April 18th.

Tickets may be purchased in blocks of ten to reserve a table for any club or organization wishing to be represented at this ceremony. Members may also reserve a table to seat their parties.

Early reservations are urged.

## WSC To Present Famous Harpsichordist

Westfield State College will present internationally known harpsichordist Yella Pessl-Sobotka on Thursday, April 9th in Dever Auditorium at 8 p.m. Yella Pessl, for years known as the first lady of the harpsichord, is credited with re-establishing the harpsichord as an important instrument in the musical world today.

Performing with her will be violinist Margit Cartwright, who has performed with many college and university orchestras and is presently principal of the second violin section of the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra of Greenfield.

Cellist will be Janice Tyre von Trapp, for many years on the faculty of the Cleveland Music School Settlement and now a teacher of cello in this area.

Flutist will be Martin Zimmerman, head of the Harvard Forest in Petersham. The harpsichord to be used by Uella Pessl was built by Professor Zimmerman.

The concert is open to the public free of charge.

## YWCA Program Brings Capitol Hill Correspondent To Greater Springfield

Carole Simpson, NBC-TV's Capitol Hill new correspondent, will be the fourth and final guest of the Springfield YWCA Celebrity Series on Thursday, April 23rd, at 10:30 a.m., Old First Church at Court Square, Springfield.

Agawam residents Sylvia Deliso and Edith Perry are members of the planning committee which made arrangements for this lecture.

Tickets are available by contacting the YWCA, 135 State Street, Springfield, or at the door of the church on lecture day. Series subscribers have until Friday, April 17th to make reservations for the optional "Luncheon with the Star" at the Marriott Hotel following the lecture.



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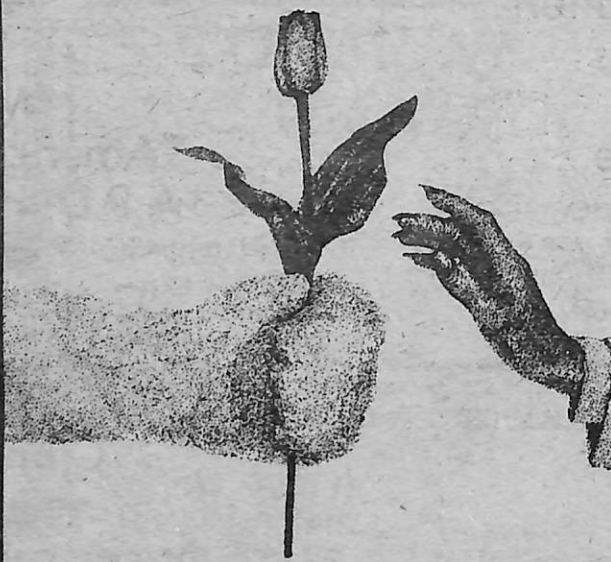
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Sacred Heart CCD students participating in the Passion Play for Easter Week are (top rear, L to R) Bryan Ryan, Joe Potter, Sean LeClair; (Seated) Eric Lottermoser, John Calabrese, Chris Borowiec, Mike Raimondi, Glenn Fournier; (far left) Dan Munley and (far right) Jim McNamee as Judas. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Sacred Heart CCD Offers Passion Play

The high school Confraternity of Christian Doctrine students of Sacred Heart Parish, Feeding Hills, will present their performances of a Passion Play entitled "Blessed Be Thy Holy Name" on four evenings. The play, which was written and directed by pastor Rev. Joseph E. Flood, C.S.S., will begin at 8 p.m. on April 12, 13, 14, and 15. In addition, all scenery and costumes were designed by Father Flood.

Tickets for all performances are available at the Sacred Heart rectory or in the Parish Center following any weekend mass on April 11 and 12.

The action of the play follows the events of the Easter season beginning on Palm Sunday and moving through the crucifixion of Jesus.

Taking acting parts in the play are Frank Rondoletto, John Favreau, Dan Munley, John Calabrese, Chris Borowiec, Joe Potter, Mike Raimondi, Sean LeClaire, Tim Ryan, Bryan Ryan, Glen Fournier, John Bonavita, Steve Berard, Eric Lottermoser, Mike Guertin, and Ernie Suprenant.

Also in the cast are Margaret O'Connell, Lisa DiFlumera, Paul Bortolucci, Dwayne Sharpy, Allan Brown, Dan Giordano, Ed Rahilly, Scott Negrucci, Jim McNamee, Matthew Gruska, Robin Vogel, Alfred Fenney.

Serving as Mistress of Ceremonies will be Michelle Chagnon.

## Baptist Church To Present Easter Drama

"The Easter Story," a drama interpreted and directed by Everett Hodge, will be presented at the First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, on Sunday, April 12th at 7 p.m.

Members of the church are in the cast. Rev. Alex Elsesser, area minister for Western Massachusetts Baptists, will lead a brief worship service. The public is cordially invited.

Other members of the CCD classes who will assist throughout the performances include the following:

STAGEHANDS: David Guthrie, Brian Zaborowski, Dan Methot, and John Schlegel.

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Others who have assisted the students include George Beauchane, Theresa Barlow, Vera Conway, Dwayne Sharpy, Bryan Ryan, Ethel Bozek, Francis and Mary Amellin, Glen Fournier, Steve Berard, Shirley and James O'Neil, Sister Bernadette Joseph, Joan Fontaine, Pam Circosta, Lee Dion, Geraldine Wotus, Rhonda Martineau, Penny Martineau, Joseph Ryan, Ernest Brusseau, Roland Dennoncourt, David DeChristopher, Marion and Larry Eldridge.

The high school CCD teachers, the 20-20 Club, and the Parish Council all assisted in the production as well.

## Christian Scientists Offer Today's Bible Lecture

Charles W. Ferris of Minneapolis will be the guest speaker on Thursday, April 16th at 8 p.m. at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, 599 State Street, Springfield. His lecture, "How God's Promises Are Fulfilled," will be hosted by the local Christian Science congregation.

Ferris will point to varied Biblical promises of courage, comfort, companionship, and world peace, but he devotes a substantial segment of the hour-long lecture to a deeper discussion of the promise that God will supply all our needs and the one that He heals all our diseases.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<p><b>Friday, April 10</b> Hi-Lighters Valley Com. Church Southwest Street 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>April 12 - 15</b> Passion Play Sacred H. Church Springfield Street 8 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, April 12</b> "The Easter Story" First Baptist Church Main Street 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>April 22 - 24</b> Painting Lessons Senior Center 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>
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## From The Pulpit

By Rev. Donald Morris  
First Baptist Church

It's amazing to me how many people come to our church and ask to see the Baptist. Of course, they may not call it by that name. They refer to it as the "tank" or the "swimming pool" or the place where people get "dunked."

Probably no other church in town baptizes by immersion, so I'd like to share our beliefs concerning our singular practice. Baptism marks the entrance into the Christian community. It is one's own response to God's invitation. The act of Baptism is a person's response to God, rather than an act of God in which something is done to a human being.

We believe God's action has already come in Jesus Christ. As someone has said, "God's word in Christ is an invitation which ends in RSVP." Baptism is an age-old act of acceptance. As a marriage service publicly confirms a love already present and accepted, so Baptism is an outward witness to an inner reality. Baptism does not create that reality; it confesses it.

Therefore, the basic concept of Baptists concerning Baptism is not the method, immersion, but believer's baptism. For without personal profession of faith, the act itself has no intrinsic value. Shortly after birth, our church holds a Service of Presentation in which the parents of the newborn child dedicate themselves to surrounding the child with a Christian influence, so that a teenager or adult will be ready to make one's own decision.

We baptize by immersion for two reasons: both have a Biblical basis. First, Jesus was baptized by his cousin John in the Jordan River, and Jesus gave us the word to go into the world making disciples and baptizing them. (The word "baptize" literally means to dip, to plunge, to immerse.)

Secondly, baptism has taken on symbolic meanings. The lowering into the water and being brought out again symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. It symbolizes death to the old self and newness of life into which the believer is entering.

It is the high point of the Easter experience in many Baptist churches. We have a service of Believers Baptism every Easter evening.

## YM/YW Forum Slated

"Hospice: Cameos of Caring" will be discussed at 12:30 April 14th at the YMCA, 275 Chestnut Street, Springfield. Ms. Edith Dorang, coordinator of Voluntary Care Givers for the local Visiting Nurses Association, will explain the new theory of caring for the terminally ill and their families.

A sandwich lunch at noon will be available provided a reservation is made by calling 739-6951, ext. 252 on or before noon April 13th.

## A.R.T. Shows Well In CTA Festival

By Rita White

Whatever our profession in life, whatever our hobbies, we like to feel that we have excelled in our endeavors. In many area in which we participate, accomplishment is recognized by our peers. In the field of entertainment, the movies have their Oscars; television has its Emmys; the record industry, its Grammys; and, of course, Broadway has its Tonis.

But what about area theatre? Other than the audiences that pay to come and see a performance, what special recognition do the people who are in community theatre receive? The answer is the CTA festival.

The CTA (Community Theatre Association) festival is a competition which all area theatres may participate in. The proceeds are used to enable CTA to continue to function as well as going into a scholarship fund to help students further their education in the area of entertainment.

This past weekend saw the fifth annual CTA festival take place at the Williston Theatre at Williston Academy in Easthampton. There were only ten entries this year as the festival was early and ran into current productions of other area theatre groups.

The overall best production chosen by the adjudicators will go on to the regional competition to be held in New Hampshire later this spring and from there, the winner will go to the national competition.

Agawam can be proud of its theatre group, the Agawam Repertory Theatre. A.R.T. did a one-act play, an English comedy entitled *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard as its entry.

The play was awarded Best Massachusetts Production, Best Costumes, honorable mention for Best Actress, and honorable mention for Best Supporting Actress.

*The Real Inspector Hound* can be seen by A.R.T. audiences along with another one-act play, *Chinaman*, the last weekend in May and the first weekend of June. More details will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, Agawam congratulates A.R.T.

## Sands Leads AAH With Expertise

The Arts and Humanities Council was created to foster the presentation of arts programs in Agawam. Chairman of the Agawam council, Robert Sands, brings much experience in theatre production and acting to the council.

Sands has been associated with the Agawam Repertory Theatre, the Wilbraham United Players, the Westfield Theatre Group, Holyoke Community College Theatre Group and several opera productions of the Springfield Symphony. In the past year, he was active in the events held to dedicate Springfield's new Symphony Hall.

Sands is married to the former Diana Soderman and they have two children. A resident of Feeding Hills, he is employed by U. S. Air.

Sands has presented to the council many ideas for cultural events which can be sponsored for all residents of town. He has been instrumental in obtaining a state grant for art events, exhibits and demonstrations. The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council looks forward to a future of cultural events under his direction.

## Damn Yankees Falls Short

By Chuck Kelley

*Damn Yankees* has all the ingredients of a popular American musical: catchy tunes, sentimental love, sex appeal, and the exciting anticipation of a baseball fever. The play has strong potential though it needs a theatre company that can mix the ingredients in proportions that result in an exciting and unforgettable performance.

The New Valley Players of the Brass Rail Dinner Theatre in Southwick fall short of their usual standard in their production of *Damn Yankees*.

Joe Boyd is a fanatical baseball fan who can't stand the Yankees. Meg is his devoted wife who is lovingly tolerant of his time spent in front of the television acting out the part of a baseball hero. Enter Mr. Applegate, the smooth and slippery devil himself, who offers Joe a chance to play baseball for real. Joe agrees and is transformed into a young and athletic Joe Hardy. He leads the losing Washington Senators to victory, and meets the sizzling Lola along the way. If there's a theme, it probably consists of Joe's eventual decision to do what's right - he goes back to Meg and the television.

Joe Boyd, played by Wayne Robertson, is on stage only at the beginning and ending of the play. Robertson has excelled in the broad gestures and histrionics of melodrama, but as Joe Boyd, he seems too weak, too awkward, too unsure of himself. The part may have called for such, but not to the point where it was difficult to distinguish character from acting.

Pay Haynes plays Meg with the right amount of restraint from sentiment. She is a natural comedienne who has a seemingly effortless sense of timing. Her versatility is extended even further by her singing voice, a voice so strong yet pleasant to hear, one wants to hear more and more. As an actress, it is easy to believe she is the character, even if the other is not.

Paul Boland played the devil, Mr. Applegate. Boland didn't sustain his character to the fullest extent. At times, he fell into extended monotonies and consequently and consequently gave Applegate little variation. He stood out, however, with his version of "The Good Old Days" and he was clever and admirable at playing bits here and there, such as his impersonation of Detective Columbo. The more important task, though, should have been the character of Applegate.

Rose Raina physically had the sex appeal and there were moments when she was quite believable as a woman of experience. Too often, though, she seemed like the girl next door, rather than the cunning and devious sexpot from below.

Joe Calebrais as the young and athletic Joe Hardy was less than thoroughly believable. Calebrais was in fine physical shape, but he moved and wore his clothes like a dancer, not an athlete.

Ken Learned played Rocky, a player for the Senators who had enough heart to make up for his too obvious lack of intelligence. He played the part well, even if overdone. Steve Devaney is a good dancer who showed us his stuff in some fine routines that were choreographed by Calebrais.

Choreographer Joe Calebrais created some entertaining dances, especially "Shoeless Joe" and "Two Lost Souls." Stewart Simon played piano and Tom Clemmitt was on percussion.

Director Flo Healy seemed to have done all the basics, but stronger inspiration was needed. If the cast had consistently come up with the energy that they displayed for their curtain call, the show would have been a foot-stomper from beginning to end.

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## For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

One day the temperature hit the 70's, and we all take off our coats and say, "At last, warm weather." Then the next day comes and it is rainy, windy and cold. We just seem to never be prepared for what comes next.

Life is really like the weather. Today we have sunshine in our lives with everything seeming to go in our direction, and suddenly, the next day, rain. Some of the events in our lives are uncontrollable, just like the weather, but we can be prepared for them. We must fully appreciate the sunshine days which, too many times, we take for granted. Enjoy them and be thankful for them.

At the same time, we should be aware that the old saying "Into each life some rain must fall," is indeed true and we all have our share of rainy days. But we can get through them; we can survive them if we believe we can and if we always keep in mind that after the rain comes more sunshine and new flowers and bright days. Then, too, we should remember that while we are having sunny days, someone else may be having a rainy day. Share your sunshine with them; you may find it returned when you need it.

If you think it is too late to start lessons in painting or pottery for example, this is your chance to find out how wrong you are. On Wednesday, April 22, through Friday, April 24, there will be an exhibit at the Senior Center you won't want to miss.

Mrs. Alice Hulse will exhibit the art work of her painting class. This has become an annual event much looked forward to because of the terrific accomplishments. At the same time, Mrs. Frances Staryos will exhibit some of the interesting pieces of sculpture from the Creative Pottery class. The hours are 9 to 4 each day. Take a friend and put some extra sunshine into your lives.

Well, one of the happenings in spring is the urge to travel. The Senior Center offers many opportunities for just that and there is a super trip coming up that everyone will enjoy. On Sunday, May 3, there will be a bus trip to Beverly, Mass. The morning will provide time for browsing around Salem, then on to lunch at the King's Grant restaurant in Danvers, where you have a choice of fish or beef for lunch. From there, it is on to see "The Grand David and his Spectacular Magic Company," a show that has been running for more than five years now and is still a favorite. Time magazine just ran an article a couple of months ago calling the show "fantastic." Don't miss this trip.

The bus will leave at approximately 10 a.m. and return around 8 that evening. Total cost for the trip which includes bus, lunch, and the show is \$15. Call the Senior Center and make your reservation now. 786-0400, ext. 242.

Whoops, sorry! Last week we gave names of Golden agers who we said won door prizes at the last meeting. We should have said that those people were the ones who gave door prizes.

On March 29th, 50 people enjoyed a covered dish luncheon at the Senior Center complete with music for listening and dancing. A lot of fun; join up.

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Laura Coppola of Agawam, president of the Springfield Chapter of Professional Secretaries International, stands with Springfield Mayor Theodore Dimauro to kickoff Professional Secretaries Week which gets underway April 19. Looking on are Pamela Fanning (left) the chapter's proclamation chairwoman and Constance Marini of Ludlow, who is secretary of the year. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Professional Secretaries To Celebrate

In conjunction with Professional Secretaries Week April 19-25, Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries International will hold its annual Secretaries Day Banquet on Wednesday, April 22, at the Yankee Pedlar Inn Opera House, Holyoke. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7.

A feature of the evening will be the honoring of Springfield Chapter's Secretary of the Year, Mrs. Con-

stance Marini of Ludlow who works at B.F. Perkins, Chicopee.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Kitty Broman, president of Springfield Television Corporation, well known for her "At Home With Kitty" and "22 Alive" shows.

Reservations for this event should be made by April 17th by contacting Frances Combs, at the Great Oak Insurance Co., 66 Industry Avenue, Springfield.

## W.Spfld. Women's Club To Sponsor Flea Market

The West Springfield Ramapogue Community Women's Club is holding its 10th annual Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26 on the town common, route 20.

The event will include a bake sale and a used book sale featuring paperbacks and children's books.

Admission is 50¢ for adults and free for children under 12. Parking is free. Dealer space is \$15 for two days and reservations may be made by contacting Martha Bowler at 737-7535 or Darlene Smith at 736-4808. Dealers should include name, address, telephone number and state sales tax number.

## Hi-Lighters Slate Dance

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold their graduation and dance on Friday, April 10th at 8 p.m. at Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Bob Turnbull will do the calling, and all western style dancers are welcome.

## Cable TV Announces New General Manager

John B. Cooney has been named vice president and general manager of Commonwealth Cablevision of Massachusetts, Inc. As such, he will be responsible for all the company's operations in Agawam.

Cooney spent the last three years with Teleprompter Corporation. He is a graduate of Holy Cross College and received his MBA at Babson Institute. He and his family plan to relocate to Westfield.

In making the announcement, Commonwealth President Roderick MacLeod said that the change should allow him to concentrate on new growth opportunities for the Western Massachusetts company.

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## A Word On Town Civics

### Rev. Dunn's 80th Birthday Party

Much to our delight, plans for Rev. Frank Dunn's 80th birthday party are just about set.

The hardworking committee has booked the Oak Ridge Country Club for the site on Sunday, April 26th.

To the best of our knowledge, tickets for the occasion on going fast...it seems townsfolk will be out in number to honor one of our outstanding civic, political and spiritual leaders.

We wish the committee the best of luck for a most successful evening and, again, congratulations, Rev. Dunn....

### Police Association Benefit Concert

On Thursday, April 16, the Agawam Police Association will hold a benefit concert at the Junior High auditorium.

The music, we understand, will be performed by several fine groups.

More importantly, however, is that the funds raised from this benefit concert will do just that, benefit many worthy organizations in this community which provide many of us with a variety of activities, both for the kids and for adults.

We urge residents to purchase tickets to this concert...the men in blue care about their community and we ask you to support them in this endeavor...

### Collecting For The Agawam Athletic Assoc.

And finally, on a more somber note, we regret the events of last weekend when several individuals in the community, masquerading as members of the Agawam Athletic Association, were illegally collecting money in front of several of the town's larger retail areas.

Fortunately, the AAA and the town's police department coordinated their efforts to apprehend the villain and the case was closed without any harm done.

The AAA, which provides sports programs for many of Agawam's young people, along with the other youth sports groups in the community, do not need this type of problem from such underhanded individuals.

We fully support youth sports in the community and fail to find amusement in any attempt by individuals to undermine their good work and many long volunteer hours to benefit the children of Agawam.

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## On Local Politics

By Stephen Gazillo

## Buck Must Stop On School Budget

The time has come to "throw down the gauntlet" and move from matters of form to those of substance as the review of the town's fiscal 81-82 budget begins.

The area that immediately draws attention is the budget submitted by Superintendent of School Louis J. Hebert and the School Committee to the Town Manager. This was subsequently passed on verbatim to Town Council for review, and we don't know yet whether it will be approved verbatim.

Until now, the School Budget has been treated like a hot potato. Few have had the guts to put their finger on an obvious fact that it is already several weeks old. The School Department claims it has reduced their budget by over \$150,000 this year.

If examined closely, however, this is pure balderdash. As the numbers reveal, the School Budget as assembled by Mr. Hebert and approved by the Board, represents a near \$80,000 increase this year, hardly what one could claim to be in the spirit of Proposition 2 1/2.

Here's how: the accepted 1980-81 School Budget came to \$7,588,851. However, since Proposition 2 1/2 passed last November, there was a necessary budget reduction of \$234,444 because of the loss of revenues from the automobile excise tax. (This was half the entire amount lost to the town).

This had to be taken off this year's budget, bringing the actual budget this year down to a total of \$7,354,407. The proposed 1981-82 School Budget is \$7,433,599, hence an increase of \$79,192 over this year's actual budget. Mathematics alone tells the story, but there are other matters worthy of consideration.

So far, everyone has been playing the game "of passing the buck." First, the School Administration under Mr. Hebert's guidance for proposing such a budget, then the School Committee for approving it, then the Town Manager for allowing it to pass exactly as proposed. However, the "buck stops at Town Council."

On Monday, March 30th, the Council's School Budget Committee met to discuss their findings. The three member panel chaired by William Herd and including councilors John Bartnik and Andrew Gallano have sat through every budget meeting of the School Committee this year.

Chairman Herd stated he did not think it was fair to rate the performance of the School Committee in their budget deliberations. He did not favor making any recommendations to the council based on the fact that the total budget had not yet been revealed. Bartnik took the same view.

Only councilor Gallano, who, by the way, was the one to point out the discrepancy in the School Budget, said that the sub-committee should be prepared to make recommendations to the full council at the appropriate time. It is hoped that Herd and Bartnik will also consider making recommendations now that the budget is out.

One thing should be understood here: the council does not have the right to tell the School Committee where to make their cuts, but they do have the right to say how much should be cut. This is not to say that cuts are desirable, but let's face facts.

It's incumbent upon the council's School Budget Committee to make recommendations to the rest of the council on that budget. Anything less would be absurd. That is their job. They are simply not fact finders, they are policy makers, and have been elected and subsequently chosen to do that job.

Mr. Hebert and the School Committee has, in a tidy fashion, put the onus on Town Council as far as education in Agawam goes...and in the end, it's the children who are hurt and that's not what we're suggesting here.

If the council is forced to reduce the budget, it is obvious that there will be more reductions in personnel...this could be painful and the council will more than likely be blamed if more teachers are let go.

The facts, however, must not be forgotten. If the council is forced to do that ugly job, it is because the others have come before them have not fully assumed their responsibilities.



## FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

## Update On Bills

Over the past few weeks, a number of bills have been discussed in the Legislature. This week, I will try to bring you up to date on the progress of these bills.

**PRIMARY SOURCE** - The bill entitled "Relative to Improving the Economic Stability of the Alcoholic Beverage Industry" which would make it illegal for liquor retailers to purchase alcoholic beverages, except wines, from other than the "primary source of supply", the designated Massachusetts agent, has been passed in the House and sent to the Senate where it is expected to be debated this week.

If the bill passes, retailers will not be able to buy their stock from a distributor of their choice--the state will be making that choice for them.

**INSPECTOR GENERAL** - Inspector General was supposed to be appointed last January by a consensus among the Governor, the Attorney General and the Auditor. No such consensus had been reached before the legislature elected former Representative John Finnegan to the Auditor's post. And now, with the new Auditor, the decision has been made to go back to square one. Once again the state is advertising for Inspector General candidates. Meanwhile, the records and files of MBM Commission are in storage in the Secretary of State's office. **PAY RAISES???**

This week the House is expected to debate the bill changing the structure of the Pay Raise Advisory Board. The bill reduces the number of people who serve, voluntarily, on the board from seven to five. The bill calls for a preliminary report from the Board at the end of this month and final report on or before December 31, 1981. **FOOLED ON APRIL FOOL'S....**

It was no April Fool's joke, though many wished it were. Legislation has been filed to correct the inadvertent error made in legislation to allow cities an extension in adopting their budgets. A loophole in the language of the law would have allowed 38 cities to circumvent Proposition 2 1/2. However, the loophole was closed immediately and Proposition 2 1/2 still prevails.

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of ROBERT P. & GALE S. BROWN who are seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 34 (c) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the retail sale of related items normally used in the riding of horses i.e., saddles, bridles, etc., on the premises known as 278 NORTH WEST STREET.

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Theo dore A. Progulskie, Chairman  
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### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS 01001

The Town of Agawam will receive Bids at the office of the Supervisor of Town Building Maintenance, Agawam Senior High School, 760 M Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. 01001 on GAS BURNER INSTALLATION for the Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Mass. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. Monday, April 20, 1981.

Specifications and Bid sheets will not be mailed, but may be obtained at the Office of the Supervisor of Town Building Maintenance, 760 M Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass., Telephone (413) 789-1400, Ext. 469. The Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Agawam Town Manager  
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## Local Wins 'Big Mac' Contest



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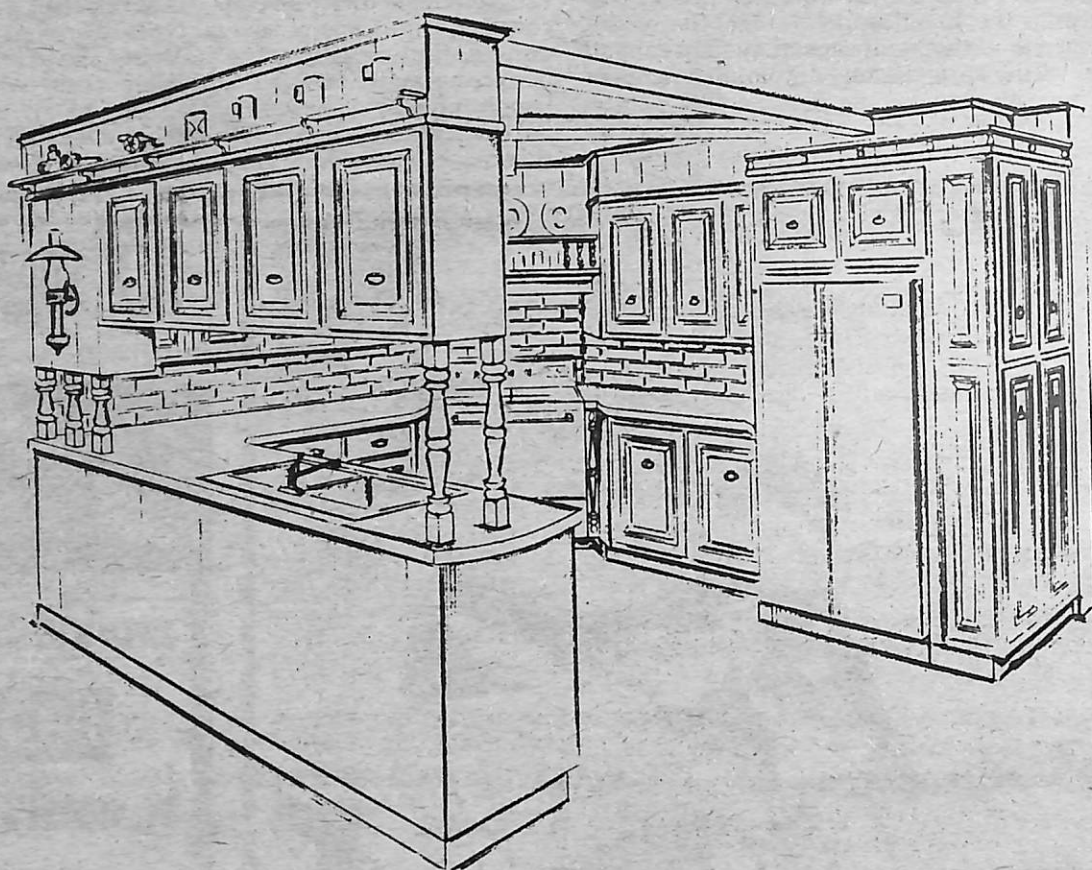
Helen Mateychuck, store manager of Agawam Macdonald's presents Lorraine Blair of 104 Garden Street with a check for \$100 for winning the store's 'Build A Big Mac Contest.' Looking on is Susan Sawyer, a community relations representative of Macdonald's. Photo by Jack Devine.

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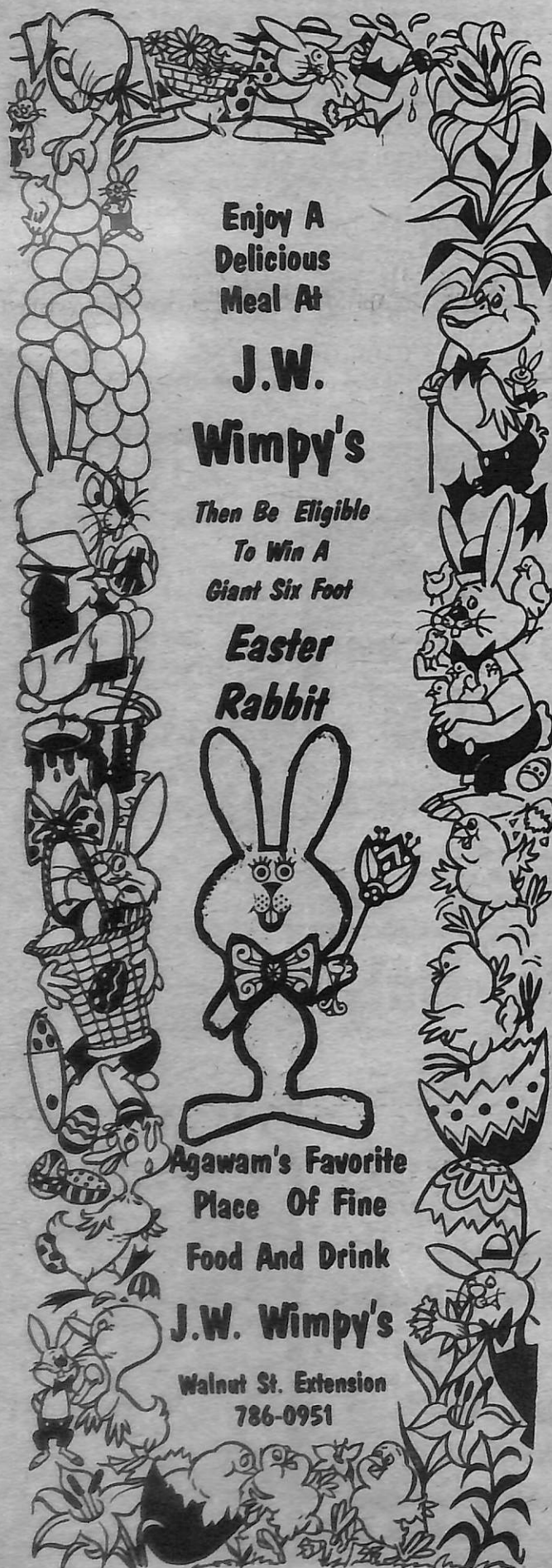
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# SCHOOL NEWS



Six-year-old Nancy Bazenchuk, a first-grader at Granger School, recently shared her experiences as a handicapped child with kindergarten students who were studying various disabilities. Nancy stands here with Justin Tietze, Joy Conte, Matthew Toczko, and Kelly Gendron. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Handicapped Unit Touching

By Joanne Brown

One of the most touching and sensitive units taught in the Agawam school system is the "Put On A Handicap" program instituted by Mrs. Ann Favreau with her kindergarten students at Granger School.

Mrs. Favreau explains the purpose of her unit saying, "I'm trying to help children develop positive attitudes towards the handicapped. I feel that if the children understand the handicaps, they may gain an appreciation of the struggles and accomplishments of those who are different."

The original notion for this unit began through a Wide Horizons activity on Joseph Whiting Stock, a

Springfield painter who was bedridden following an accident which paralyzed his legs. Mrs. Favreau presented her youngsters with lessons on Stock and then asked them to try painting lying on their backs.

Noting the sensitivity of the children's response to the problems involved with this type of handicap, Mrs. Favreau then developed a week-long program covering handicaps of several types. Through books, posters, film strips, and role-playing she acquainted her young students with the problems confronting the handicapped.

After a general discussion on blindness, she had her students eat their daily snack blindfolded. Also blind-

folded, they walked using a cane and felt various textures. They viewed objects through magnifying glasses as the visually handicapped need to do and were introduced to the function of seeing eye dogs.

Similar activities took place for deafness, including examining a model of a hearing aid. One boy whose sister is deaf demonstrated some of the techniques of sign language.

When discussing physical handicaps, much of the input came from the children themselves as several of them have siblings with physical disabilities and they were eager to tell their experiences to the others.

The highlight of the week was to have courageous six-year-old Nancy Bazenchuk come in to speak to the class. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bazenchuk and a first grader at Granger, Nancy supports herself on two artificial legs and was most willing to explain her situation to the class.

"Nancy was very open with the other children," Mrs. Favreau comments. "She explained about her various operations and told the kids how her legs work. She also detailed the exercises she must do to strengthen her upper body and the therapy she undergoes at Shriners' Hospital."

The children could especially identify with the upper-body exercises as they had previously attempted the painting activity and realized how much strain was actually placed on the torso.

Mrs. Favreau indicates that last year Nancy had been a student in her class who was reticent about discussing her disabilities until the Stock unit was being done, and then she really opened up. "This year, she was much more open and I think the entire experience has been good for her," Mrs. Favreau notes.

Mrs. Favreau said that, due to the sensitive nature of the unit, she had sent home notices to parents prior to beginning the activities to ask their cooperation in answering questions and making comments. Her efforts have obviously been successful as several have called or written to her to praise her work in exposing the children to such an open attitude and a most rewarding learning experience.

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., April 13: ½ sliced turkey sandwich in roll, ½ fluffernutter, tossed garden salad, spiced applesauce, milk

Tues., April 14: Potted meat cubes in gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered diced carrots, wheat bread & butter, chocolate wacky cake, milk

Wed., April 15: Baked hamburger & macaroni, creamy cabbage & carrot salad, Italian bread & butter, peach fluff, milk

Thurs., April 16: Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, mixed peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, ice cream sandwich, milk

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### Band Parents To Meet

On Monday, April 13th, the Agawam Band and Color Guard Parents will meet to elect new officers. All members as well as parents of ninth graders are welcome to attend.

### Chicopee High Reunion

Chicopee High School Class of 1961 will hold its 20th year reunion on October 10, 1981, at the Chateau Provost, 85 Montcalm Street, Fairview.

For more information, contact Dick Whittaker at 786-1426 or Carol (Suprenant) Lonczak at 592-3829.

### YMCA Hiring For Summer

The Springfield YMCA is now hiring for the summer Fun City Day Camp. Positions are available for counselors, arts and crafts, pre-school director, ½-day pre-school program and aquatic director.

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## Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo  
Chairman,  
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The 1981-82 syllabus which contains a complete listing of the high school course offerings will be available to 9th, 10th, and 11th graders during the month of May. The syllabus has been revised so that it can be more easily understood by the student and parent. Also the syllabus includes some very important changes which are reflected as follows:

1) Credit value for certain courses has been increased; 2) Number of credits required for graduation has been increased; 3) Courses are designated by levels.

Before any programming takes place, counselors in the High and Junior High Schools will thoroughly explain the various course offerings available. I will personally speak to the ninth graders in small group situations regarding their course selections for tenth grade. Mr. Meagher, the ninth grade counselor, and I will work together in providing for your child a meaningful program that you and he or she can understand.

At the High School, the counselors will program the 11th graders first. They will outline to all juniors in the U.S. History classes the significant changes in next year's curriculum. The sophomores will be addressed in the same manner after the juniors have been programmed.

In future columns I will explain the changes I have outlined (all of which has been approved by the School Committee). I will also highlight other relevant information regarding this very important guidance function - subject programming.

The eighth grade class is presently being programmed by Mrs. Luccardi, the eighth grade counselor. She visited with each eighth grade class and explained the course offerings for ninth grade.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** To obtain an application for the following scholarship see Mrs. Mazza in the Business Department.

**Hampden County Legal Secretaries Association Scholarship:** Open to seniors who plan to further their education in the legal field with special emphasis on prospective legal secretaries. To qualify, a student must have a "B" average or better, be in financial need and possess character and leadership ability.

**JUNIORS:** Who plan to take the achievement tests of the college board must apply by May 1st to avoid paying the late fee. Certain selective colleges and/or programs within colleges require a student to take three achievement tests. See your counselor for an application.

**NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY** will be conducting an informal conference for prospective students and their parents on Wednesday, April 15th, from 7:30-9:30 at the Springfield Marriott Hotel. Any junior who is interested should see Mrs. Williams in the Guidance Office for more information.

## Smith Fund Announces College Loans Available

The trustees of the Horace Smith Fund announced the availability of undergraduate college loans for graduates of Hampden County secondary schools.

According to a bequest made by the late Horace Smith, loans are made to worthy students with necessary potential whose financial resources might restrict college attendance.

Loan applications are available from the Horace Smith Fund Office in the Springfield Institute for Savings, 45 Willow Street, Springfield, fifth floor. The office is open weekdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Application deadline dates are June 15 for students presently attending college and July 1 for graduating high school seniors.

## Easter At Feeding Hills Florist



Youngsters Tammy Buoniconti, Renate Marsh (hiding next to Tammy) and Tracy Hout look over Easter Display at Feeding Hills Florist in the Crossroad Shoppes. All three young ladies are anticipating the arrival of the Easter Bunny and found the town's newest florists to have many types of delicious Easter candy to go along with their beautiful flowers and arrangements. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Truth On Indians Taught To Youngsters

Despite popular belief (sparked by the stereotypes found in films and television shows), American Indians did not all wear feathers, live in teepees or carve totem poles. There were, instead, many different Indian tribes in this country with diverse lifestyles and skills. One tribe, the Cherokee, even had their own written alphabet. Yet the popular misconceptions of Indian life still endure, especially in the minds of children.

Linda Ulrick and Jeanne Forgette, two energetic fifth-grade teachers at Robinson Park School, decided last summer to battle these misconceptions and give their students a true picture of Indian life. By working with the staff and resources of the Science Museum through the Wide Horizons project, they created a massive curriculum unit on North American Indians.

This unit focuses on the different lifestyles of the eight main Indian cultures of this country: the Northeast (such as the Mohawk), the Southeast (such as the Choctaw), the Farming Plains (such as the Omaha), the Warring Plains (such as the Sioux), the Southwest (such as the Navaho), the California, the Northwest Coast and the Eskimo.

Each student chooses one culture to examine. The

students investigate how the tribes of each culture met their basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter, and how their religion and social activities shaped their lives. The students look at how the environment - desert, woodlands, mountains, etc. - determined each culture's lifestyle. They also explore the influence settlers had on Indian life; for example, it was the Europeans who introduced Indians to horses, beadwork, and scalping.

The students immerse themselves in the lifestyles of each culture. They experiment with crafts, such as basketry, beadwork, weaving and sandpainting. They prepare Indian foods - pemmican, which is red meat and berries, corn cakes, succotash, acorn bread, etc. They learn the music and dances of religion, crops and war, and play games of skill which provided training for future warriors.

The fifth graders in Mrs. Ulrick's and Mrs. Forgette's classes have been using this unit as part of their social studies curriculum since school began and will finish their activities this month.

As Linda Ulrick points out, "This topic is so big and so important that we need to spend the entire year studying it!"

## Kindergarten Screening Scheduled

The Agawam Public Schools will be conducting registration and screening of children entering kindergarten in September, 1981. Children who will be five (5) years of age prior to October 1, 1981, are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September.

A screening team will be observing growth in vision, hearing, physical development, language,

speech, thinking and behavior. This process will be completed at the time of kindergarten registration.

Children will be screened by appointment only. Screening dates are as follows: May 4 & 5: Robinson Park; May 6 & 7: Granger; May 8: Phelps; May 12: Clark.

Should you have any questions, contact the principal of the elementary school nearest to you.

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## Troop 34 Art Program



Recently Troop 34 joined together to see an Art Program the girls have been preparing for. Back row, from left are Barbara Murphy, Kim Galarneau, Tracy DesLauriers, Lori Desisto, Karen Larriere, Carolyn Belniak, and Cari-Anne Chicoine. Front row Christine Veale, Michelle Saliba, Tracy Daborowski, Karen Stuart, Michelle Prescho, Michelle Bilodeau, Jill Chmielewski and Brenda Shuback. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Troop 75 Of Sacred Heart



The Annual Court of Honor and Banquet held by troop 75 of Sacred Heart Church caught Jack Devine with camera. Back row: Scout Master R. Fuley, J. Helton, J. Bourdon, P. Fontaine, C. Bat-chelder, J. Shannon, B Hardy. Third row: T. Tourville, S., Hershowicz, J. Carlson, S. Hardy, P. Esemplio, J. Crowley, C. Tourville. Second row: P. Foley, J. Smidt, D. Payne, K. Long.

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## WS - Agawam Elks To Sponsor Essay Contest

Gerald J. Mason, youth activities director for the West Springfield - Agawam Lodge of Elks announced that the Elks have renewed their fourth grade essay contest which was initiated ten years ago by the Lodge.

### All Fourth Grades

The contest is run in all fourth grades in the Agawam and West Springfield school systems and the St. Thomas School in West Springfield.

The subject of the essay, "What I Think When I See Our Flag," is limited to 120 words.

The Essay Contest is in celebration of the Elks National Youth Week.

One child in each fourth grade class that participates will be a winner. Those children whose essays are chosen will be treated to an all-expense paid tour of historic Lexington, Concord and the Freedom Trail in old Boston.

Areas of the Freedom Trail to be visited are Bunker Hill, USS Constitution, Old North Church, Faneuil Hall, the Old South Meeting House which was the site for the planning of the Boston Tea Party; and the site of the Boston Massacre plus the remainder of the trail will be visited by the youngsters.

The children will leave the Elks Lodge on Morgan Road, West Springfield on May 9th at 7:30 a.m.

The children will also be given a reception at the Lodge Hall on Sunday, May 3 at 1:15 p.m.. The child's parents, relatives, friends and teachers will also be invited.

### Top Essay

The top essay in Agawam and West Springfield will receive a special award. In Agawam, State Representative and Assistant Minority Leader Edward W. Connelly will present a \$25 savings bond to the top essay winner and State Representative Walter DeFillippi of West Springfield will do the same for his hometown winner.

The West Springfield - Agawam Lodge of Elks are well-known for the energy and effort put into youth activities and programs.

The Elks sponsor numerous sports teams in both Agawam and West Springfield. Scout troops, working with handicapped children and contributing to various youth programs throughout the area are also undertaken by the Elks.

In the past ten years, the West Springfield - Agawam Lodge was recognized four times as having the top youth activities program in the entire Commonwealth by the Mass. State Elks Association.

## Forum Offered To CPA's

The Continuing Professional Education Forum, an educational program directed toward Western Mass. CPA's, has announced its spring lecture series schedule. The Forum offers free, quality seminars which comply with the Massachusetts Board of Public Accountancy regulations. Each participant receives continuing education credits.

The five-week program sessions will be held on consecutive Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Wilbraham headquarters of Friendly Ice Cream Corporation. Advance registration is required for the series scheduled to begin April 21st.

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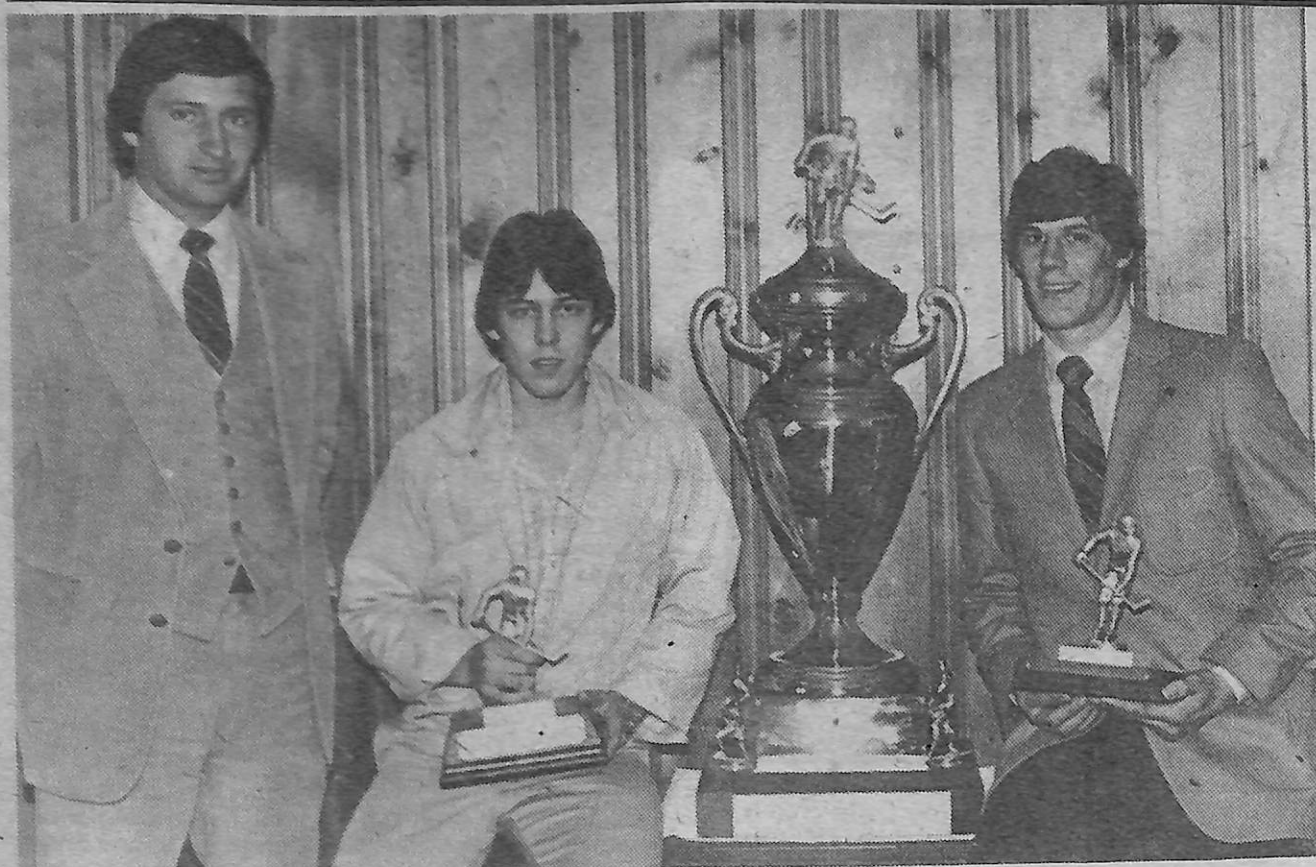
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# SPORTS



A Proud varsity hockey coach Billy Sapelli (left) showcases his two Bessone Award winners, Ron Dutton, who took the award in the 1977-78 season and Jeff Masi, who is Sapelli's 1980-81 winner of the Bessone Award. Masi named the Berry Division's top players this season and Dutton several years ago was named the areas top performer. Masi was the man who lit the lamp, during his varsity stint with the Brownies, was the man who stopped the puck in front of Agawam's net. Photo by Jack Devine.

## Masi Receives Bessone Award

By Steve Berard

Team scoring leader, most valuable senior, being named to the first team All Western Mass. All Star Team: senior Jeff Masi has done it in classic style.

Recently, Masi received his biggest thrill of the year when he was awarded the Amo "Betts" Bessone award for the top Division One player in 1980-81.

The 18 goal scorer is the second Brownie to be chosen for the prestigious award in three years. Goaltender Ronnie Dutton won it in 1977-78, the year Agawam took the Division II Western Mass. title and the same year Bill Sapelli took over the coaching duties.

With the Brownies moving back into the Berry Division in 1978, Masi has brought Agawam the distinction of being the only team to have a Division I and Division II winner of the prestigious award.

Last season, scoring star Alan Hardina was runner-up in the Bessone balloting.

Sapelli was elated that one of his players received the coveted Bessone Award. "I wasn't surprised of Jeff's ability. I always knew he was capable of producing big things and winning such an honor," said Sapelli.

Masi was also more than pleased. He said, "I was really happy to win it. There are a lot of good players in the league," he added.

"Sluggo" will receive a small replica of the hockey player on the trophy. The original 2 1/2 foot accolade will be on display at the high school until next season.

Amo "Betts" Bessone, for which the trophy was named, was a native of West Springfield. After a top skating career in his own right, Bessone move out to Michigan State where he became a highly successful and popular coach.

## Laughing Brook Activities

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring a family night hike entitled "Night of the Amphibians" on April 11th at 7 p.m.

Led by naturalist Tom Tynning, the walk will take participants to swamps and ponds to search for local amphibians with emphasis on learning the sounds made by springtime frogs. Participants are urged to bring flashlights.

The program will definitely be held during rain - the best kind of weather for amphibians.

A springtime Whale Watch out of Cape Cod will be sponsored on Monday, April 13. Spaces are available for the 4-hour excursion leaving Provincetown at 3 p.m. aboard the Dolphin III, the most successful whale watch leader on the East Coast.

Spaces are still available. Transportation is not included in the cost and reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

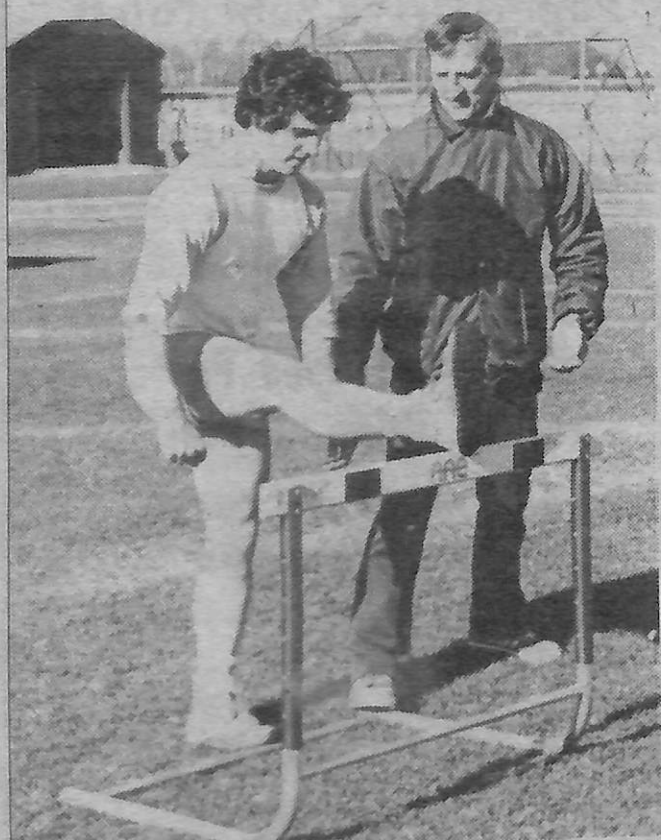
For more information on either of these two programs, call Laughing Brook any day at 566-8034.

## Sports View



TRACY CAULKINS, 18, doesn't swim just for fun. The 5-foot-9 1/2 senior at Harpeth Hall School in Nashville, Tenn., is America's top competitive female swimmer.

## Coach and Pupil



Senior David Stuart listens to instructions from varsity track coach Gus Young during preseason drills. Stuart, who is still fighting off a football injury, will be a key runner for the tracksters this spring. Stuart's specialty is the low hurdles. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Officials of the Agawam Athletic Association present awards during the annual Swim Program Banquet to honor the AAA Piranhas. Receiving his award is young Shawn O'Brien from coach Melissa Bliss. The AAA Piranhas program has grown in recent years to rank with several of the top programs in the area.

## AAA Swim Program Holds Annual Banquet For Piranhas

Some two hundred parents, coaches and children attended the Agawam Athletic Association Piranhas Swim Team banquet on Sunday, April 5, at the Polish American Club.

Awards were presented to the swimmers for their accomplishments during the winter season. The team compiled a 4-5 record under the capable direction of head coach Malissa Bliss and her assistant coach Lori Richardson.

The team's accomplishments at the Western Mass. championships were applauded by all.

The team, now in its sixth year of competition, placed eighth and compiled 358 parents.

Top swimmers for the Piranhas were: first place winners; Paul Talbot in the 100 yard freestyle and 100

yard backstroke (boys 13-14 division); Patrick O'Brien in the 50 yard backstroke (boys 9-10); and Kim Cascio, 100 yard freestyle (girls 13-14).

Gerald Mason, president of the AAA, spoke on the outstanding performance of the swim program commissioner, Rodney Richardson. Mason credited Richardson with the establishment of the swim team and its supervision for the past six years.

Mason said, "It is only through the dedication of gentlemen like Mr. Richardson that these children and others not here this evening, past and future, have had the opportunity to participate in a swimming program. We thank him for his time, effort and energy."

Richardson, who is retiring from his post, will undoubtedly be missed by all, although he will remain as an advisor for future years to come.

## Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba

The Coast Guard has come out with a new regulation that requires the owners of boats 16 feet and over to have aboard flare distress signaling devices. I have been receiving numerous calls asking what is legal and what is not concerning flares. Railroad flares are not legal!!

The Coast Guard approved flares in this area are in a kit manufactured by the Olin Company. It costs \$19.95 and is available at Saunders Marina, Bassett's, and other locations that sell marine supplies.

The kit consists of three flares that can be held in your hand and a flare pistol that fires a flare into the air with a parachute attached to it. The pistol is the catch 22. You should have a pistol permit to transport it. However, a leeway has been granted so you may carry the pistol when going boating and coming from boating. You cannot carry it around in the trunk of your car or on your person.

These flares are only needed aboard if you are fishing coastal waters, including Lake Ontario. If you are planning to go to Lake Ontario, you must have the Coast Guard-approved flares along with the other safety devices in your boat.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game is endeavoring to obtain money from the General Fund to help it operate in the future. In order to present a sound and show a basic need for the money, an in-depth study had to be made. The results are quite astonishing.

For example, in 1980, the recreational industry in N.H. brought in over \$800 million. 24.1% of all state and local revenue came from the recreational industry, and the recreational industry was 16.7% of New Hampshire gross product. The recreational industry employs 33,000 people and is the second largest industry in the state.

The survey showed that deer hunting and fishing are by far the most popular activities in N.H. Hunting and fishing generated \$200 million in 1980, one-quarter of the entire recreational industry. To generate the \$200 million, Fish and Game spent just over \$4 million.

It is degrading to some extent when the natives of other states hammer the non-resident and blame him for problems that have been generated by shortsightedness on the residents' part. The first ax wielded is to raise the hunting and fishing licenses for non-residents. As a consequence, fewer licenses are sold.

The loss of the non-resident makes a substantial dent in the revenue received by the recreational industry. It means loss of highway gas and toll fees, room and meals taxes, business profit taxes, wages and other incomes.

New York realizes the loss is very substantial. This year when they raised the licenses, the non-resident license fees went up only 25 cents, while the residents' fees were raised several dollars.

It is a good feeling to know that the powers that be in the other states are beginning to use common sense and discarding the emotional trend that has dominated the legislatures in the past.

### Paper Drive Scheduled

The Agawam Boys Baseball Association is planning a paper drive on April 11 and 12 at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street from 9:00 to 3:00. Proceeds will go towards their scholarship fund.

The drive has been scheduled to coincide with Spring Clean-up, and it is hoped that many people will take advantage of this opportunity to clear out their cellars as well as to aid this scholarship fund.

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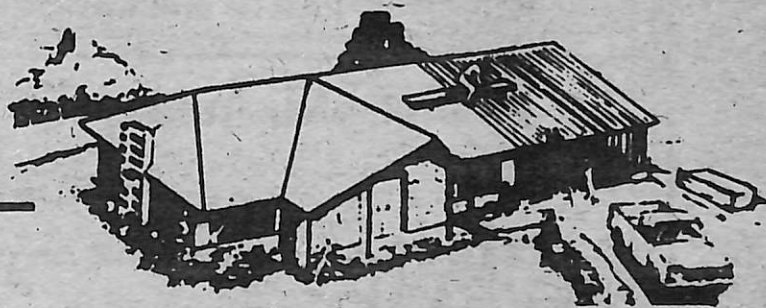
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## Agawam's Jai Alai Performer Dwayne Sharpy

By Steve Berard

He was different from most boys at age eleven. Instead of picking up the baseball glove, he chose the jai alai cesta, and for the past five years, he has been playing the "world's fastest game." He is Dwayne Sharpy, a sophomore at Agawam High School.

Explaining his introduction to jai alai, Dwayne claims, "When the Hartford fronton first opened in 1976, I used to go down with my father, and that's when I really started to love the game. One night, they were selling a couple of used cestas (catching baskets), so I pushed myself to the front of the line, paid \$25, and it was mine."

For the next year, Dwayne toyed with the crescent-shaped wicker basket, throwing tennis balls against the high school wall. This wasn't enough to satisfy the 16-year-old and he was determined to learn more about the game. After writing numerous letters to the Hartford fronton's administration, Dwayne was finally enrolled in the Youth Instructional Program in the fall of 1978, where he has excelled in his age group.

"When you first get on the court (cancha), it appears much larger than it does to the fans," recalls Dwayne.

Already knowing the basic skills, Dwayne now took the side wall into play. The object in jai alai is to throw the pelota (ball) so hard against the front wall that your opponent will be unable to return it. Keeping the pelota close the the side wall makes it more difficult to catch and control.

"It's a combination of tennis and handball," Sharpy said.

Two-hour lessons are held twice weekly except during winter months. Upon entering the fronton, the students spend time limbering up to guard against injuries. They then choose teams and begin to play. Instructors observe and point out mistakes.

James, Pete, and Joey are three American professional players who take time out to work with the young students. With most players coming from the Basque region of Spain, they are trying to stir interest in American youth.

Remaining practice time is spent running laps. "You have to keep in shape," says Sharpy, who is an avid jogger. "Jai alai requires quickness, coordination, and stamina," he adds.

Standing 5 feet, 7 inches tall and tipping the scales at just over 130 pounds, Sharpy has a typical jai alai player's build. "You don't have to be big," he informs.

Unsure about lessons this season due to change of ownership of the Hartford fronton, "Wayne" (Dwayne's jai alai name) hopes to attend jai alai school in Milford, Connecticut. The recently-opened school was built specifically for teaching all the facets of the game. The only other main jai alai school in America is located in North Miami, Florida.

Jai alai can also be an extremely expensive sport. A player's equipment consists of a uniform, helmet, cesta, and pelota. Dwayne's latest cesta, one of three, was purchased from top pro James. The \$100 item is woven with reed from the Pyrenees Mountains. It is a back court model which is usually larger than those used by front courtmen.



Dwayne Sharpy, a sophomore at Agawam High School, is now enrolled in a Jai Alai Youth Instructional Program at the Hartford Fronton and is perfectly built for the world's fastest game. Dwayne hopes the day comes when he will be performing professionally. He has been playing the game for five years. Dwayne is looking to attend another school next year if possible. Photo by Jack Devine.

The pelota is about three-quarters the size of a baseball and is the most lethal ball of any sport. Students are not allowed to use a pelota at school. Instead, a lacrosse-type ball is used.

"The pelota has been clocked at over 150 m.p.h.," explains Dwayne. "One mistake and you could be killed."

Sharpy is upset with the law passed last year forbidding minors from entering the stadium when gambling takes place.

"Watching pro players helps you learn and sharpen your skills," he claims.

Dwayne also has a negative attitude about game-fixing accusations made against players. "It appears easy to the audience, but when a player makes on mistake, they automatically scream 'fix.' It's the gambling that does it," notes Dwayne, who admits he enjoys the betting too.

The carom and cortada are Dwayne's "kill shots," which rebound off the side and front walls. A player's positioning and angle must be precise in order for these shots to be effective.

Dwayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sharpy of 62 Chapin Street, Agawam. He has a 12-year-old sister Debbie and a 14-year-old brother Dean.

Having two more years prior to graduation, Sharpy is undecided about college plans. He says, "The average player's arm goes by age thirty so you need something to fall back on."

Professional jai alai, however, may loom in Dwayne's future. "I just turned sixteen so I have a good chance because I started young."

If things continue to go well, in another five years, you could be putting your money on Agawam's Dwayne Sharpy.



At the Fronton, Dwayne is shown the proper form by his instructor, Pete. One of the fastest games in the world, Dwayne's reflexes must be incredibly quick.



### Camping Family Style

It's time to bring your recreational vehicle out of its long winter's hibernation and get it ready for the road. Even if you've already started this pleasant job that means exciting days ahead, you might want to check through this list to make sure you've covered everything.

A little time spent now in preventive maintenance can avert headaches this summer and possibly even expensive repairs on the road.

You can start on the exterior by thoroughly washing the vehicle, which will enable you to check for rust that must be sanded and

painted, loose screws around doors and window frames, etc. Test the LP gas connections, as well as the hold-down bolts on the gas tanks. Sand and repaint the tank if they are rusted.

Check all vents to be sure they're not obstructed. Make sure all exterior lights are working, particularly the running lights you use on the road. Repair any holes in window screens. Check the roof for cracks and potential

leaks, especially around the vents.

Wax the the entire unit and lubricate all locks, hinges and anything else that moves.

Moving to the interior of the vehicle, open all windows and doors to thoroughly air it out. Clean the floors, walls and upholstery. If the floor is linoleum, wax it as you would your kitchen floor to make future cleaning easier. If there are rugs, shampoo them.

Clean the refrigerator or ice box and bathroom, if any, in the same way and with the same chemicals you use in your home. However, don't use abrasive cleaners on fiberglass.

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## VFW 1632 8-10 Hockey Champs



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## On Sports

BY JOHN DALTON

It's the time of year when every baseball club thinks it can win.

That includes the world champion Philadelphia Phillies, who swept to victory in 1980 despite the controversy surrounding manager Dallas Green.

Green, known for his tight discipline, says his team can win again.

What kind of shape are the Phillies in this season?

"We're a much better team than we were a year ago," Green says. "That's because our injured repaired. And we added some kids who greatly contributed to winning the 1980 world championship."

He says Philadelphia stacks up well in the National League East?

"It's gonna be a real dog fight again — exactly like 1980," Green predicts. "I'd like nothing more than to win the thing in August. But you know that won't happen in this division."

"We can win again, and I think we will. It's going to take the same effort again — intensity, doggedness and a grind-it-out approach — to make it two in a row."

Pitching is a key to any pennant winner, of course.

"Our pitching is in good shape, claims Green. "Steve Carlton certainly is in a class by himself. Dick Ruthven has stepped forward to become a solid winner. They give us a very good one-two punch."

What about Philadelphia's

bullpen? It was crucial last season. But can the relievers — especially Tug McGraw — do the same kind of job again?

Yes, claims Green. "I just can't say enough about Tug McGraw," he admits. "With his conditioning and attitude, I expect Tugger to repeat as No. 1 in the bullpen. Yet, with Sparky Lyle here a full season, it will help keep innings-pitched pressure off Tug."

The infield seems to be Philadelphia's strongest point. But the starters aren't kids. Green doesn't feel age will be a problem, though.

"What can you say about the infield — Pete Rose, Manny Trillo, Larry Bowa and Mike Schmidt?" asks Green. "They have proven their worth one thousand times over. Sure, they're getting a little older. We may have to recognize the fact, each can use time off during the year. But it is still the best defensive infield in the business — bar none."

And Green counts on his outfielders to do the job, too.

"Bake McBride is my guy in right field," Green says. "He was outstanding a year ago. Garry Maddox (in center) certainly came on and played great at the end of the year. His defense is unmatched in the game."

Green, riding herd on last year's winners to prevent any big letdown, says the key to his strict brand of managing in Philadelphia is intensity.

What does he stress? "Boldness, spirit and competitiveness," he says.

That's why everybody in baseball is chasing the Phillies.

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## Short Takes

The world's first smoke detector was a nonsmoking spouse.

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence because our neighbor put in plastic.

The best response to people who make pointed remarks is a good punch in the face.

No, Gwendolyn, the energy crunch isn't what you hear when someone's eating whole grain cereal.

Our drinkin' neighbor is a traditionalist — he always plants an Old Fashion garden.

School bussing begins in about the seventh grade these days.

Old customs updated: Humming while passing the nuclear plant has replaced whistling while passing the graveyard.

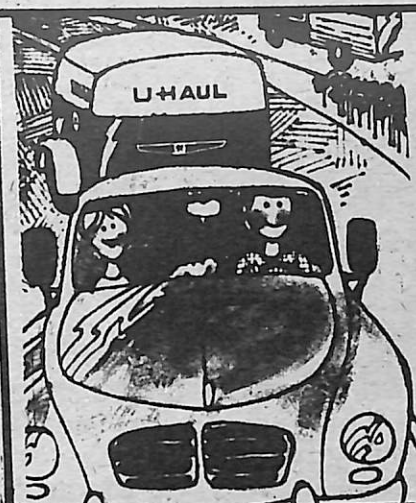
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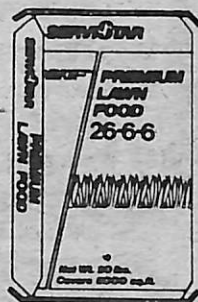


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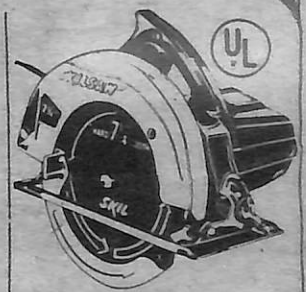


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